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1. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY ABOUT IRANIAN THINKING ABOUT WHO MIGHT TAKE CENTO SEC GEN BAYULKEN'S PLACE, MFA DIR HOOSHANG BATMANGLIDJ WHO HAS BEEN CONNECTED WITH CENTO AFFAIRS FOR YEARS SAID THAT IRAN THOUGHT IT WAS STILL TURKEY'S TURN AND THAT TURKEY SHOULD, THEREFORE, COME UP WITH A SUITABLE CANDIDATE. WHEN IT WAS MENTIONED THAT WE HAD HEARD THIRD HAND THAT IRAN HAD DESIGNATED A "YOUNG, UP-AND-COMING" MFA OFFICIAL FOR THE POSITION (REF A) BATMANGLIDJ SCOFFED AT THE IDEA SAYING THAT IRAN HAD NO SUCH INTENTION AND FURTHER THAT IT BELIEVED POSITION REQUIRED A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF CONSIDERABLE STATURE, NOTING
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THAT THE PRESENT INCUMBENT IS A FORMER FONMIN. HE URGED THAT THE US ENCOURAGE THE TURKS TO COME UP WITH SUCH A CANDIDATE.

2. INCIDENTALLY, BATMANGLIDJ HAS BEEN TIPPED AS THE NEXT IRANIAN AMB TO TURKEY ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT BEEN FORMALLY PRESENTED AS SUCH TO THE SHAH--A PROCEDURE WHICH

PASSES FOR CONFIRMATION HERE. IF THINGS GO ACCORDING TO
PLAN, BATMANGLIDJ EXPECTS TO ARRIVE IN ANKARA TO TAKE UP
HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES MID TO LATE SEPTEMBER.
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